

## MRS. HOLMAN ADMITS ACROSTIC TO 'ERNEST'

Dedicated to Present Husband, Though Neither Was Divorced.

NURSE TELLS LIFE IN CELL Says Rector's Wife Was Left in Filthy Room With Homocidal Maniacs.

HARTFORD, Conn., June 3.—More sensational allegations of the manner whereby she was abducted to a Vermont madhouse and of her existence there for three weeks came out today when Mrs. Elizabeth Alden Curtis Holman, wife of Frederick Ernest Holman of Waterville, Me., head of a Boston news concern, again took the stand in her suit for \$50,000 damages against her divorced husband, the Rev. Cranston Brenton of Yonkers and Doctors Oliver C. Smith and Paul Waterman, prominent Hartford physicians. An asylum nurse corroborated much of Mrs. Holman's testimony regarding her incarceration.

Mrs. Holman withstood a searching cross-examination. When confronted with her book, "The Norseman," a poetic drama, which ran through a private issue of 200 copies, she quietly admitted the authorship, also that the first letters of the verses in the introduction formed an acrostic reading, "To thee, Ernest, O my love." She further acknowledged that "Ernest" was her present husband, who had not then been divorced from his first wife.

She said she didn't think her husband was justified in objecting because he didn't know anything about the hidden acrostic and because she had not been living with him as his wife for some years.

Lacked With Maniacs, Says Nurse. Mrs. Holman was temporarily withdrawn from the witness stand by Miss Lucy Townsend, a nurse of Barre, Vt., to testify. Miss Townsend, who was special attendant on Mrs. Holman, testified that the Brattleboro madhouse was an old fashioned insane asylum for pauper patients, who were never quiet, and that some who had suicidal and homicidal mania crept into Mrs. Brenton's room at night. The dishes of the tubercular patients were washed with all the other dishes. Chairs and dishes were thrown at meals and Mrs. Holman was struck. Mrs. Holman's cell was furnished with a small iron bed, bars on the windows, no space for a trunk and no lights.

The nurse testified she always had Mrs. Holman under restraint. She said Mrs. Holman was terrified and that Dr. S. E. Lawton, the superintendent, told her Mrs. Holman was not insane.

"I would do or say most anything for them if they would only take me away from here," she quoted Mrs. Holman as saying. She declared Mrs. Holman's cell at the asylum was a filthy little affair and that the one window could be raised only five inches behind the barred grating.

Miss Townsend said photographs showed Mrs. Holman had been fixed up for the occasion, as she had never seen so orderly.

Says She Played the Penitent. On cross-examination this afternoon Mrs. Holman said she was a member of the authors' club of Boston and before her abduction was taking stenography lessons at her mother's expense in the hope that she would be able to earn a livelihood in case she left Brenton. She explained her affectionate letters to her husband from Brattleboro by saying she thought of playing the penitent part and being a model patient was the best way to placate her persecutors and thus shorten her term of imprisonment.

The record of her divorce action, which ran through numerous judicial processes before granted, was read to the jury. Judge Thomas excluded all references to her husband's conduct, but she explained her husband's conduct as being a "confession of wrongdoing" and contrite letters to her husband were false. "My husband's conduct compelled me to falsehood. All my life has been a tissue of falsehood and deceit. I had to write my last play by stealth, and he made a tremendous disturbance over my suffragette work." She denied that the narrative of "The Norseman" was a thinly veiled tale of her relations with her present husband. Although Mrs. Holman denied any unfriendliness toward Brenton until the abduction, the latter part of the afternoon was devoted to reading affectionate letters to Brenton. Mrs. Holman said she had no idea of the names of the maniacs who were in the asylum and who were in the asylum.

Mrs. Crawford's Body Found. HARTFORD, Conn., June 3.—The body of Mrs. David Crawford of Waterville, Me., who was drowned on Decoration Day in the Hudson off this place, was found floating today off the Mackenzie School property at Dobbs Ferry. On Memorial Day Mrs. Crawford with her husband was on an outing on the small steamer Irene. To photograph the scene, Mrs. Crawford stepped into the small boat and it was overturned by the swell of a passing steamer.

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## OPINIONS CLASH ON WAY TO END STRIKES

Mediator Opposes Compulsory Arbitration at Industrial Inquiry.

MANUFACTURER FAVORS IT I. W. W. Described as Stumbling Block in Way Peace Negotiations.

Widely divergent views on the question of compulsory arbitration of labor disputes were expressed yesterday by John Lundrigan of the International Paper Company and William C. Rogers, chief mediator of the Department of Labor of the State of New York, the two principal witnesses before the United States Commission on Industrial Relations. The matter under discussion at both the forenoon and afternoon sessions was State mediation and arbitration of industrial disputes and members of the State Board of Mediation and Arbitration and officers of labor unions were interested listeners.

Mr. Rogers in the afternoon session told of the functions of the State Board of Mediation and Arbitration, which is a branch of the Labor Department. He said that when a strike occurs it is the duty of the board to try to bring about a settlement by mediation or arbitration. In case one or both sides refused mediation or arbitration it became the duty of the board to ask Labor Commissioner to call a public hearing to investigate the causes leading up to the dispute.

Mr. Rogers said he was opposed to compulsory arbitration, though he believed that in the case of any important strike there should be compulsory investigation of the strike.

"What is the general sentiment on the question of compulsory arbitration?" asked Francis H. Bird, who appeared for the first time as examiner for the commission.

"Both the employers and the unions are against it in this State and, I believe, all through the United States," replied Mr. Rogers.

"Did you ever come in contact with the I. W. W.?"

"Yes, during a strike at Little Falls, and that was the most difficult strike to handle that we ever undertook."

Mr. Rogers expressed belief that the I. W. W. had an ulterior purpose in blocking the settlement of the strike for two months.

"What was the ulterior motive?"

"I don't believe the I. W. W. wanted a settlement," said Mr. Rogers.

Mr. Lundrigan, who testified in the forenoon session, declared himself in favor of compulsory arbitration. He said that a board of compulsory arbitration should be established in every State.

Mr. Frederick C. Howe, single taxer and director of the People's Institute, told the commission that a tax on land values would end social unrest. Mr. Lundrigan asked how soon he thought the single tax would end problems. Dr. Howe replied the effect would be immediate.

Coroner Timothy Healy, who is president of the International Brotherhood of Stationary Firemen, was on the stand for a short time.

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The Aquitania is expected off the Ambrose Channel lightship at 2 o'clock tomorrow morning.

**MISS DAVIS OUSTS DR. BAXTER.**  
Dr. Katz Appointed to Succeed Physician in Workhouse Hospital.

Miss Katherine B. Davis, Commissioner of Correction, yesterday dismissed from the service Dr. Charles H. Baxter, who was arrested on a charge of selling morphine to an inmate of the workhouse. Dr. Elihu Katz, who served under Dr. Baxter, was appointed to succeed him as resident physician in the workhouse hospital.

Dr. Baxter will be arraigned in court this morning. The investigation at the workhouse is still under way. Detectives are there, working with the aid of stool pigeons, to get further evidence against the drug selling evil.

Mrs. Ella Tye was sent to the City Hospital on Blackwell's Island a month ago. As a result of her actions she was sent to the House of the Good Shepherd and there three packages of heroin in tablet and powder form were found on her. She said she got the drug in the hospital from a woman patient, who acted as distributor. This woman got it from a person who visited her regularly. After her confession she was sent to Bellevue Hospital suffering from drug poisoning.

**IMPERATOR DOCKS SMOOTHLY.**  
Big Hamburg-American Liner Reports Ice in Southern Lane.

Capt. Kier of the Hamburg-American steamship Emperor brought her into dock in Hoboken yesterday morning without a hitch. R. A. C. Smith, Commissioner of Docks, in the police boat Patrol, came up the bay to see the docking. The Patrol acting as a guide ship, warning off harbor boats. The palatial liner had smooth seas and created a westward record for herself, covering the lane in 5 days 17 hours and 38 minutes. Her best day's run was 584 miles.

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George W. Mueller, a first cabin passenger, died on Monday of heart disease and his body, in charge of his widow, was brought to port. He was on his way to his old home in Decatur, Ill.

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